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National Cub Pow Wow 2008 Cape Town

with the theme 'Carnival of Friends' was held in Cape Town this year (which only happens every 8 years), from Thurs 1st May to just after breakfast on Sun 4th May, at the Okkie Jooste site in the beautiful Jonkershoek Valley outside Stellenbosch. The gathering was attended by 189 Cub Scouters from all over SA for a time of fun, exchanging ideas, learning and togetherness.

The First Cub Master in South Africa



Mrs M. L. E. White was the First Lady Cub Master in South Africa and established the first Wolf Cub Pack, 7th Cape Town (Gardens) in 1915. Cubing officially started World wide in 1916, thus this makes 7th Cape Town Cub Pack the oldest in the World. The Pack showed its all-round efficiency by winning the Edwards Shield in 1919, being the first year of Cub Competition. Mrs White was also Sub Editor of the Wolf Cub section of the publication 'On Trek' started in 1919. In 1920 she took three Cubs to visit the 1920 Jamboree to represent Cubing in SA. She was the wife of Major P.F.F. White (Piffy) founder of and Scout Master of 7th Cape Town. Major White later went on to officially establish the first Coloured Pathfinders in 1934, with the first Coloured Troop (1st Wynberg) having opened in 1933.



CUB EARNS 43 Interest BADGES - Dylan of Tawny Six in 1st George Cub Pack, has just broken a Cubing record by earning 43 Interest Badges before his ninth birthday! -Debbie



Scouts

DAILYVOICE 12 March - Errol Bird, Debbie Peterson, Mario Thomas and the Woodlands Group secured a centre-page-news-spread to advertise 100 years of Cubs, Guides, Scouts & Rovers – well done you guys!



"Then there was the **Gilwell Adventure** at Gilwell Park for a day of skills, games, tours and adventurous activities. Everything you could imagine Scouts doing and more was on offer, from picking up marbles with a teaspoon to leatherwork, wood-burning, archery, climbing walls, abseiling, trampoline jumping, damper making, signalling, trek-cart races, high flying, slip 'n slide, cage swinging, tours and much-much more. It was a great feeling being in the exact place where BP and thousands of others had been, standing in front of the White House where BP and his family had stood, being inside the house where BP had walked, imagining all the people that Gilwell Park must have seen over the past 88 years since 1919, seeing BP's 1929 Rolls Royce, caravan, bust, boot print, museum of memorabilia he collected over the years, one felt an overpowering presence and deep understanding of the man from whose idea Scouting had grown and changed the lives of 30 million in 226 countries over the last 100 years, ...with the wish of simply being able to go back in time and actually meeting this great man in person. Standing in front of the 'Pigsty' where the first Rover work party had spent their first night at Gilwell was another awesome experience, imagining their enthusiasm, excitement and the mere fact that 88 years later I was standing on the exact spot they had stood on that rainy night. The Gilwell experience will be with me forever, the entire site is absolutely alive with history, ...you can feel it, touch it, hear it, see it ...and imagine it!"

Scouts and Guides survive night 'at sea' took a spot in The Argus on March 17 with a great report by Fouzia v/d Fort on page 3. There were 27 rafts entered at Kontiki Sandvlei 15 to 16 March, the one thing all will definitely remember was the incredible wind all weekend. The theme was Pirates. Thanks to Charles Prince for a great Competition. Fringe (shore) winners were 1st Bothasig and overall winners were 2nd Hout Bay.



Gordon Shield 26 to 27 April at Hawequas was busy and action-packed as usual. 32 Teams competed in not only a Camping competition, but also activities such as Archery (new this year), practical use of a prussic knot, compass bearings, orienteering, first aid and other Scouting skills. Good use of time was essential for all teams! A change this year was judges each being allocated a Patrol with which to have dinner and actually spent some time in the campsite with the Patrols. Well done to Ingrid Webster and her team for organising this absolutely awesome competition! Top 3 teams were: 2nd Fish Hoek (6th time winners), 2nd Bergvliet and 2nd Somerset West. *-Brendan Dale*

SPRINGBOK SCOUTS 2007/8

Aakifah Abrahams 1st Wetton
Faizel Achmat 1st Bellville
Jonathan Bandli 1st Blaauwberg
Lee Croeser 1st Bergvliet
Naemah Sadien 1st Wetton
Philip Gaag 2nd Bergvliet
Jonathan Glass 2nd Hout Bay
Simon Goemans 1st Bergvliet
Luis-Ricardo Martin 2nd Kenridge
Melissa Miller Durbanville/Kraaifontein
Bradley Smith 1st Table View



2nd Fish Hoek – Tonkin

GOLD PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Kyle Niddrie 2nd Plumstead

TOP 10 GROUPS 2007/8 in WCP

2nd Fish Hoek 2nd Bergvliet
1st Bergvliet 1st Muizenberg
1st Durbanville 1st Belhar
1st Bothasig 2nd Plumstead
2nd Somerset W 1st Naruna/Constantia



On the third day of the Regatta, the rivalry got a little serious

WESTERN CAPE Scouts Cubs and Rovers SCAR

The Story behind the Cornwell Award

[The 'C' in the Award stands for Cornwell and is also the first letter of 'Courage']



The first page in the Cornwell Badge Register, held in Scout Archives, Gilwell Park, with a photo of PL Arthur Shepherd & cutting from the *Headquarters Gazette*

The award is named after **John Travers Cornwell** VC (born 8 January 1900 – died 2 June 1916), better known as '**Jack**' or **Boy Cornwell**, remembered for his bravery at the Battle of Jutland aged 16, for which he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross and Scout Bronze Cross for Bravery. Lord Baden-Powell created the Cornwell Award in 1916 in Jack's honour, and is now internationally awarded by Scouting to youth members for bravery under extreme conditions. The very first Cornwell Award went to PL Arthur Shepherd 29 November 1916, risking life to assist stricken survivors of the *Rohilla* wreck on the rocks at Whitby, England, crossing dangerous cliffs to get to the site.

delivery boy for Brook Bond's Tea Company and at only 15 enlisted in the Royal Navy, without his father's permission. He carried out basic training and received further training as a Sight Setter or Gun Layer to become Boy Seaman (1st Class), with a shilling (about R1.50 in today's SA 2008 currency) weekly pay. On Easter Monday of 1916, Jack left for Scotland where he was assigned to HMS (Her Majesty's Ship) *Chester*.



Jack Gun on HMS Chester

On 31 May, *Chester* was scouting ahead at the **Battle of Jutland** (North Sea near Denmark) when it came under intense fire from four German Kaiser Marine cruisers, which suddenly emerged out of the haze and smoke of the battlefield. The shielded 5½-inch gun mounting where Jack was serving were affected by at least four close hits. (The gun mountings were merely open backed shields and did not reach the deck. Splinters were thus able to pass under them or enter the open back when shells exploded near or behind.) Although severely wounded Jack remained at his post until *Chester* retired from the action with only one main gun still working. *Chester* had



received 17 hits and the situation on deck was a bloody body and limb scattered shambles. Many of the gun crews had lost lower limbs due to metal splinters passing under the gun shields.



Jack was found to be sole survivor at his gun, pieces of steel penetrating his chest, with clenched teeth against the pain, looking at the gun sights and still waiting for orders. Incapable of further action *Chester* was ordered back to port, where Jack was taken to Grimsby Hospital, and died on 2 June before his mother could arrive at the hospital. His last dying words whispered to the nurse were; "I know my mother is coming, give her my love". Three months later, *Chester* Captain Robert Lawson described the events to the British Admiralty. The Admiralty recommend Jack for a posthumous Victoria Cross and King George V endorsed it. The recommendation from the Admiralty read: "*the instance of devotion to duty by Boy (1st Class) John Travers Cornwell who was mortally wounded early in the action, but nevertheless remained standing alone at a most exposed post, quietly awaiting orders till the end of the action, with the gun's crew dead and wounded around him. He was under 16½ years old. I regret that he has since died, but I recommend his case for special recognition in justice to his memory and as an acknowledgement of the high example set by him.*"



Jack was initially buried in a common grave for war dead at Grimsby, but his body was exhumed on 29 July and reburied with full military honors in Manor Park Cemetery, London. It was one of the most impressive funerals that London had ever seen for a commoner. The gun Carriage with the Union Jack draped over the coffin was drawn by uniformed boys from the Crystal Palace naval depot. The route through the streets was lined by Boy Scouts and thronged with thousands of people, many of whom were seen openly weeping. His father died in service a few months later on 25 October. On 16 November 1916 Jack's mother received the Victoria Cross from King George V at Buckingham Palace. Court painter Frank O. Salisbury made a portrait of Jack, using his brother George as a model, depicting him standing at his post. A *Boy Cornwell Memorial Fund* was established for his mother. Colored stamps in aid of the memorial fund were later sold at a penny each to further provide for disabled Servicemen. His brother Arthur was killed in action in August 1918 and his mother died on 31 October 1919 at the age of 54. Jack's elder sister Alice, loaned his Victoria Cross to the London Imperial War Museum on 27 November 1968, where it still is today. Jack's 5½-inch gun as used by him on the HMS *Chester* is also on display in the London Imperial War Museum.

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